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Project Title: Foxtail Solar Project (PSP 24-065)

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency Contact: Gary Mills, Chief Planner
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City: Visalia Zip: 93277-9394 County: Tulare County

Project Location: County: Tulare City/Nearest Community: Tulare
Cross Streets: 18839 Road 80 Zip Code: 93274
Assessor's Parcel No: 228-050-020 Total Acres: 475.50
Latitude/Longitude: 36 ° 12 ' 4273 " N / -119 ° 39 ' 5832 " W Section: 5 Township: 21S Range: 24E
Base: MDBM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy: _____ Waterways: _____
Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: Palo Verde Elementary School

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Pre-zone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Dev. Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Sub.) Other _____

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Commercial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Industrial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Educational: _____
 Recreational: _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Transportation: Type _____
 Mining: Mineral _____
 Power: Type Solar Facility MW 55
 Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: BESS Battery Energy Storage System

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archaeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducing
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid/Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Transportation/Traffic/Circulation Other: Energy
 Other: Tribal Cultural Res. Other: Greenhouse Gases Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: Rural Valley Lands Plan - Valley Agriculture/ AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture – 40 Acre Minimum)

Project Description: See Attached

The proposed Foxtail Hybrid Solar Project (Project) would construct and operate 55-megawatt (MW) photovoltaic solar generation facility and a 55 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) at 4 hours of continuous discharge on an approximate 475.5-acre site in Tulare County. The Project proposes to develop approximately 450 acres of the 475.5-acre parcel. The property is designated Valley Agriculture in the Tulare County General Plan and is appropriately zoned AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture, 40-acre minimum). The surrounding properties around the project site are also zoned AE-40. The Project is within the Paige and Taylor Weir USGS Quad. The Project would install approximately 108,344 single-axis tracker solar panels on the site. The layout of the single axis tracker panels will be in an east-west direction. It is anticipated that the life of the proposed Project will be 35 years. In addition to the description above, the applicant will prepare a reclamation plan to be implemented after the life of the Project. The project site is under Williamson Act contract and is located in Zone A Special Flood Hazard Area per FEMA.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy |
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date: February 26, 2025 Ending Date: March 28, 2025

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Environmental Assessment Officer: Reed Schenke, P.E., RMA Director

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  **Date:** 2/25/2025
 Gary A. Mills, Chief Planner, Environmental Planning Division

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